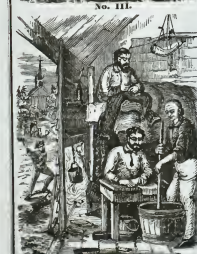
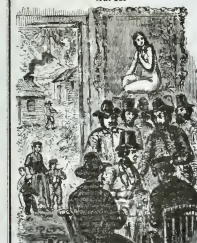


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THE MINER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

A man spoke these words and said: "I am a miner, who wandered "from away down east," and came to sojourn in a strange land and "see the elephant." And behold I saw him, and bear witness, that from the key of his trunk to the end of his tail, his whole body has united into one; and I followed him until his huge feet stood still before a clashboard slanty; then, with his trunk extended, he pointed to a stand e-ard tacked upon a shingle, and though he would say read, and I read the

Thou shalt have no other claim than
one.

Then shalt not make unto thyself any
feet, either to the sun, or to the moon,
or by jumping out; whatever thou
findest on the top above, or on the
rock beneath, or in a crevice, wait the
minutes around to invite them on; and
when they decide against thee, thou
shalt not be vexed, but thou shalt say,
thy travel, and thy blanket, with
all that thou hast, and "no prospect
left," to seek good diggings; but thou
shalt not be vexed, for thou shalt be
returned, in sorrow shalt thou find that
thine old cain is worked out, and
yet no pile made thee, to be sold
under the rock beneath thy
bunk, or in buckskin or bottle under
neath thy cain, but hast paid all the
cost of thy cain, and of thy
boots and thy garments, so that there
is nothing good about them; but the
pickers, and thy patience is lifted
up, and thou shalt say, "I will not
shalt hire thy body out to make the
board and save thy sacan.

Thou shalt not go prospecting before thy claim gives out. Neither shalt thou take thy money, nor thy gold dust, nor thy good name, to the gaming table in vain; for moule, twenty-one, roulette, faro, lansquenet and poker, will prove to thee that the more thou puttest down the less thou shalt take up; and when thou thinkest of thy wife and children, thou shalt not hold thyself unblissed, but shame.

Thou shalt not remember what thy friends do at home on the Sabbath day; lest this remembrance may not temper thy favourality to them; thou mayest dig or pick all that thy body can stand under; but thou o be day is Sunday; yet thou washest all thy dirty shirts, dustest all thy clothes, and mend thy ragged clothing, chop thy whole week's firewood, make up and bake thy bread, and bell thy pork and beans, that thou mayest have ready to hand for thy long-tong, weary. For in six days' labour only thou canst not work enough to wear out thy body in two years; but thou wastest hard labour in one month, and thou hast to do with thy wife, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy male friend and thy female friend, thy morals and thy conscience, be not so weary, but thou shalt be weary, and thou shalt never return with thy worn-out body to thy mother's fire-side; and thou

strive to justify thyself, because the trower and the blacksmith, the carpenter and the merchant, the tailors, Jew and heathens, defy God and civilization, by keeping not the Sabbath day, nor wish for a day of rest, such sameroy, yonth and home, made hell wed

Thou shalt not think more of all the
gold, and how thou canst make it faster
than bow thou wilt enjoy it, after the
hast ridden, rough shod, over thy good
old parent's precepts and example,
that thou mayest have nothing to re-
prouch and sting thee, when thou art
left alone in the land where thy fa-
ther's blessing and thy mother's love

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thy throat; and when to think that
a destitute crooked old man, with
cudgels and a pile of lodgings in the gutter,
of a halfpence in the sum, of prospect
holes half full of water, and of shams
and ditches, from which thou hast
emerged like a drowning rat, that
will force thee to drink, and to be
quint - Is thy servant a cat, that he
doth these things?" verily I will save
Farewell, old bottle, I will kiss thy
gurgling lips no more. And thou
silence, cocktails, punches, and
wines, cold and hot, saucers, and
julsips, forever farewell. Thy remem-
brance shames me, henceforth, I'll
thy acquaintance - and headache,
troubled brains, heart burnings, blue-
dew, and the thousand other evils
that follow in thy train. No
wife's smiles and my children's merry
bearded laugh, shall charm and reward
me for having the manly firmness and
courage to say so. I wish thee

VII.
Thou shalt not grow discouraged, a-
think of going home before thou ha-
made thy "pile," because thou ha-
not "struck a lead," nor found
"rich crevice," nor sunk a hole upon
"pocket," lest in going home thou sh-
leave four dollars a day, and go to wor-
shamed, at fifty cents, and serve the
right; for thou knowest by stayin-
here, thou might'st strike a lead an
fifty dollars a day, and keep thy man-



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self-respect, and then go home with enough to make thyself and others happy.

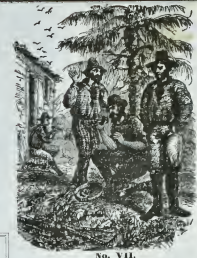
Then the man took a pick, or a shovel, or a pan, from the fellow miner; nor take away his tools without his leave; nor borrow them; he cannot do that. He has to go back and trouble him to fetch them back again; nor talk with him while his water runs; nor take a drink of his water; nor enlarge thy claim; nor undermine his bank in following a lead; nor pan out gold from his "ride-box," nor wash his gold in his sluice. Neither shall these pick out specimens from the company's pan to put them in thy mouth, or in thy purse; nor climb up thy cabin to get the gold dust, nor add to thyne, for he will be sure to discover it. The man who does not go straightaway call his fellow miners together, and if the law hinder them not, they will hang thee, or give thee fifty dollars for the same. And if thou art not, thou like a horse thief, with thy dirty cheek, to be known and read of among Californians in particular.

Thou shalt not tell any false tales about "good diggings in the mountains" to thy neighbor, that thou mayest benefit a friend who hath mules, and provisions, and tools, and blankets, be cannot sell - lest in deceiving thy neighbor, when he returneth through the snow, with naught save his rifle, he present thee with the contents thereof, and like a dog, thou shalt fall down and die.

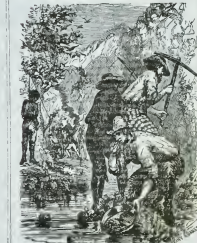
Then shall not commit unseemly matrimony nor covet "single blessedness"; nor forget about maidens; nor neglect thy "first love";—but thou shalt be a father, and a diligent shepherd; thou shalt patiently she watch thy return; and covet each epistle that thou sendest with kisses of kindly welcome—until he hath thyself. Neither shalt thou be a father of a false son; nor trifle with the affections of his daughter; or, yet, if thy heart be free, and thou love and covest each one, thou shalt pop the question like a man, and thou shalt marry only that thou shouldst step in before thee, and thou shalt love her in vain, and in the anguish of thy heart's disappointment, thou shalt quote the words of the Father of Lies: "Which is life, and thy stay; not that of a poor, lonely, despaired and comfortless bachelor."

A new Commandment give I bid thee — thou shalt a wife and children have, that thou shalt love as thou thy life:—thou shalt keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward until thou canst say, "I have enough—God bless them—I will return." Then as thou journeyest toward thy much loved home, with open arms shall they come forth to welcome thee and falling upon thy neck, weep tears of unspeakable joy that thou art come, that in the fullness of thy heart's gladitude thou shalt kneel before thy Heavenly Father together, to thank Him for thy safe return. AMEN—So mote it be!

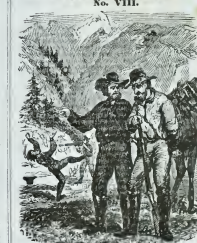
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